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Honorable J. Frederick Motz
United States District Judge
340 United States Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: United States v. One 1997 Mercedes Benz
Civil No. JFM-02-2981

Dear Judge Motz:

This is to provide a further status regarding the above-referenced matter and a response to the scheduling order.

The government filed a Motion to Compel with the Court on or about March 24, 2003. On or about April 9, 2003, the government obtained documents in an attempt to complete discovery. Since that time, the government and the claimant's attorney have tentatively agreed to enter into settlement negotiations.

The government will provide a further status no later than May 15, 2003.

Thank you for your continued patience in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. DiBiagio
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cc: AUSA Jacabed Rodriguez-Coss